

**Testimony presented to Environment Committee IN SUPPORT of S.B #241 (Raised) an Act concerning youth fishing & hunting licenses.**

This bill promotes life-long participation in outdoor activities and *conservation* in an effort to counteract the declining interest in these pursuits among the youth in our state. It is a short term test to achieve the goal of new recruitment and is revenue neutral. Several other states have passed similar legislation including MA which now has free licenses for all teenagers. Section 2(c) also encourages more outdoor participation among people with disabilities including veterans.

On behalf of our approximately 300 members, I urge your support of Bill 241.

Sincerely,

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